

WILDLIFE CRIME WATCH



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Forward

Wildlife Crime Watch is a program dedicated to improving the quality of life for the people and to promote the mission of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Wildlife does not belong to any one person or to any one group. In fact wildlife and our environment should be the responsibility of each person regardless of whether the person is a hunter, fisherman or wildlife watcher. The wildlife and the environment are a legacy that can be passed on to future generations. What will that legacy be? With the advent of Wildlife Crime Watch anyone in the community can have an opportunity to put their stamp on what the legacy will be. In addition to caring for wildlife and the environment this program can draw the community together and allow for neighbor to look out for neighbor, in essence, take the initiative to serve their fellow man and themselves. It is citizens and law enforcement working in a partnership.

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Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Mission Statement

To manage Virginia's wildlife and inland fish to maintain optimum populations of all species to serve the needs of the Commonwealth; to provide opportunity for all to enjoy wildlife, inland fish, boating and related outdoor recreation; to promote safety for persons and property in connection with boating, hunting and fishing.

The Basics of Wildlife Crime Watch

The program requires the active participation of citizens, working with law enforcement, to reduce the opportunity for criminal activity and to reduce crime in their communities. It allows for the close communication and cooperation of citizens within a community with personnel of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and other officials. Citizens act as the eyes and ears of law enforcement and through these cooperative efforts inroads against crime can be made.

Why Wildlife Crime Watch?

Wildlife Crime Watch can offer benefits to you whether you live in a high crime area or not. This program, patterned after *Neighborhood Watch*, can instill a greater sense of security, well being, protect our natural resources, and reduce the fear of all types of crime in your neighborhood. Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- Reducing the risk of being a crime victim
- Reducing the risk of wildlife in your area being exploited
- Information on landowner rights and protections available (liability)
- How to properly post property
- Hunters rights
- Habitat improvement ideas
- Protection from wildlife damage
- Being better prepared to respond to suspicious activity
- Obtaining Wildlife Crime Watch Signs
- Getting to know your neighbors
- Getting to know your Game Department officials
- Reducing the fear of crime and making your neighborhood more livable
- Developing and protecting the natural resources in your neighborhood

Wildlife Crime Watch is not

- Vigilante groups
- Citizens pursuing criminals, or becoming physically involved in the criminal event
- Taking the law into your own hands

How much work is involved?

This depends on each individual and the neighborhoods involved. Meetings and programs can be set up according to the needs of each area participating. To maintain "active" status involvement will require a minimum of one meeting and one activity, i.e. clean-up day, ice cream social, BBQ, educational programs, etc. within a calendar year.

The role of the Wildlife Crime Watch Captain

The Wildlife Crime Watch (WCW) captains serve as the coordinators and liaison of the group. They will serve as a spokesperson, schedule group activities, supply the game warden coordinator with pertinent information, and coordinate neighborhood activity and communication. The captain should:

Maintain a list of all members

- Develop, maintain and distribute neighborhood maps for your area including names, addresses, and telephone numbers
- Set up a communication network for your area such as a telephone tree
- Distribute information sent out by the game warden coordinator
- Greet new neighbors, encourage them to join, and update the wildlife watch list
- Provide sign in sheets of WCW activities to the WCW coordinator
- Contact absentee landowners

The role of the Members

Each person in the WCW plays a vital role in the success of the program! Members are encouraged to learn their neighbor's names and the kinds of cars they drive. They should keep a copy of the wildlife watch map and telephone tree readily accessible. Each individual should attend meetings, be alert for suspicious activity, display Wildlife Watch signs and learn to be a good witness to assist in enforcement efforts.

"The fear is more insidious than the actual crime itself, and it spreads like a plague... Rather than developing stronger links with their neighbors and community to ward off crime ...Many people turn inward, remaking their homes into fortresses with dogs, alarms, guns and locks...Security is fine, but breaking ties to the neighborhood only gives it over to the enemy..."

The Arizona Republic, October 10, 1993

Wildlife Crime Watch Programs

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries offers a wide variety of talks, presentations and seminars related to hunting, fishing, boating, trapping, habitat

improvement, and project wild programs which are designed to provide information which is neither anti nor pro hunting. Game Wardens, Wildlife Biologists, Fisheries Biologists, and Non-Game Biologists will be available to present programs which can be tailored to assist the individual communities with issues which are relevant to them. Other agencies can be contacted to conduct programs, which can be of benefit to the community. In addition crime prevention programs related to personal property and personal protection will be available.

To schedule any of these programs, or to learn more about what is available contact the game warden in the county in which you reside. Or contact the Regional Office, which services your area.

- **Williamsburg - Region 1**
5806 Mooretown Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188
(757)253-7072
- **Forrest - Region 2**
910 Thomas Jefferson Road
Forrest, VA 24551-9223
(804)525-7522
- **Marion - Region 3**
1796 Highway Sixteen
Marion, VA 24354
(540)783-4860
- **Veronia - Region 4**
P.O. Box 996
Veronia, VA 24482
(540)248-9360
- **Fredericksburg - Region 5**
1320 Belman Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
(540)899-4169

Community and Law Enforcement Working Together

Each neighborhood has its own unique needs and personality. A program, which works in one neighborhood, may not work in another. Everyone should be given an opportunity to provide input into what they perceive as the needs that should be addressed. The more people who are involved the stronger the watch program will be. Citizens will be trained to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods. When those who are predisposed to committing criminal acts understand that a community has banded together and will be taking active steps to report suspicious activity they are likely to

rethink what they are about to do. The best method of defeating crime is to stop it before it occurs. Law enforcement officials recognize that the resources, whether in manpower, money or technology, are not available to shoulder the tremendous burden of combating crime in each neighborhood. The most effective and cost efficient method is teamwork. WCW is about forming a team between the citizens in the neighborhood and law enforcement. Together we can make a difference!

Starting A Wildlife Crime Watch

Wildlife Crime Watch, patterned after *Neighborhood Watch*, can be one of the most effective and least costly answers to crime. Watch groups are a foundation of community crime prevention. They can be a stepping stone to community revitalization and a revitalization of wildlife resources.

Phase One: Getting Started -- Meetings, Watch Captains, and Maps

- Form a small planning committee of neighbors to discuss needs, the level of interest, possible challenges, desired outcomes, and the WCW concept.
- Contact the local game warden or Regional Office of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, to discuss the WCW and local problems. Set up a meeting with a Game Department official.
- Publicize your meeting as a community event at least one week in advance through local newspapers, radio stations, and cable television stations. Follow up with door-to-door fliers and phone calls the day before the meeting.
- Select a meeting place that is accessible to people with disabilities.
- Hold an initial meeting to gauge neighbors' interest; establish the purpose of the program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed. Stress that a WCW group is an association of neighbors who look out for the wildlife, the environment, each other's families and property, alert the law enforcement officials to any suspicious activities or crimes in progress, and work together to make their community a safer and better place to live.

Phase Two: When the neighborhood decides to adopt the Wildlife Crime Watch idea

- Elect a chairperson.
- Ask for neighborhood captain volunteers who are responsible for relaying information to members of their neighborhoods, keeping up-to-date information on residents, and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people. Nominations for these positions may also be requested. Neighborhood captains can also serve as liaisons between the neighborhood and law enforcement officials and communicate information about meetings and crime incidents to all residents.
- Establish a regular means of communicating with Wildlife Watch members - e.g., newsletter, telephone tree, e-mail, fax, etc.
- Prepare a neighborhood map showing names, addresses, and phone numbers of participating households and distribute to members. Neighborhood captains keep this map up to date, contacting newcomers to the neighborhood and rechecking occasionally with ongoing participants.

- The absentee landowners should be invited to meetings. If they can not attend then efforts should be made to find out if they are going to allow hunting, fishing and trapping. Also, find out if someone is acting as his or her agent in these matters.

With guidance from game wardens, the WCW trains its members in observation skills, crime reporting, wildlife and environmental issues, and home security techniques. The residents of the community also learn about the types of crime that affect the area. Organizers and neighborhood captains must emphasize that WCW groups are not vigilantes and do not assume the role of law enforcement officials. They are only asking neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring for one another, wildlife, and the environment--and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately. Wildlife crimes can be reported to the Virginia Wildlife Crime Line at 1-800-237-5712 where rewards are offered. All other crimes should be reported to the local sheriff's department, police department or Virginia State Police.

The WCW concept is adaptable. It will adapt to the needs of each community and will promote cooperation and communication between the citizens and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The objective is to help the members reach the point where they are able to function on their own, as an effective team.

Tips for Success

- Hold regular meetings to help residents get to know each other and to collectively decide upon program strategies and activities.
- Share information as to who is going to allow hunting, fishing and trapping on their property. Watch out for each other.
- Consider linking with an existing organization such as a civic or sportsman's group.
- Canvas door-to-door to recruit members.
- Involve everyone -- young, old, single, married, renter, and homeowner and allow each person to contribute opinions and ideas without letting anyone person dominates the meetings.
- Gain support from the police, sheriff's office and state police. This can be critical to the overall success and credibility of the group.
- Get information out quickly. Share all kinds of news and squash rumors.
- Gather facts about crime in your neighborhood. Do victimization surveys, and learn resident perceptions about crimes and what their concerns are. Often accurate information can reduce the fear of crime.
- Physical conditions such as overgrown vacant lots can contribute to crime. Sponsor cleanups, and ask residents to turn on outdoor lights at night.

It is important to recognize success and volunteers contributions. This can be accomplished through awards, annual dinners, and parties.

THE WILDLIFE CRIME WATCH MEETING

In order to be successful this program will require the ongoing participation and support of each member.

Sign In and Welcome

As individuals come in welcome them and use a sign in sheet. The sign in sheet will allow for the tracking of who attends the meetings. The items to be covered and the length of the meeting should be announced. Let everyone know there will be time for questions and visiting after the agenda for the meeting has been covered.

Introductions

The meeting coordinators should introduce themselves and then allow each resident to introduce themselves and briefly give their reason for coming to the meeting and what they would like to see accomplished by the group in the neighborhood.

Discussion of Issues

Each resident should be given time to raise specific concerns. During the first meetings individuals may express dissatisfaction and frustration over neighborhood problems and with law enforcement efforts. After several meetings these individuals tend to focus on specific problems and ways of handling these problems.

Presentations

During the first several meetings the liaison officer will need to provide information on crime prevention topics and provide guidance on ways to maintain an active WCW program. As the meetings progress guest speakers are invited to address specific areas of concern for the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Coordinators

In large communities there may be a need to have a coordinator and several captains. The coordinator will oversee the activities for the entire WCW area. In these instances the coordinators will meet with the captains and discuss issues and goals from each area and then report to the game warden liaison officer on the status of all the areas

Neighborhood Captains

During the first meeting the members should select a Neighborhood Captain. This individual should serve for a term decided by the members and should demonstrate organizational and leadership abilities.

Next Meeting

Before adjourning establish issues which will be presented at the next meeting. Members should be encouraged to think of new ideas to be brought up for future meetings.

Time and Place for Next Meeting

How often meetings are held should be set according to the needs of the group. Coordinators, captains and other members involved in planning, training and other activities may meet more often. It is recommended that meetings be held often enough to keep the interest of the group and to address the concerns. Regardless of how often the group meets make sure to inform the group of the next meeting and where it will be held.

After the Meeting

This can be an important time. Members will have the opportunity to visit and build friendships. Informal brainstorming can occur at this time. Refreshments may be made available.

THE ROLE OF MEMBERS

Criminals spend time on planning how to commit criminal acts. These acts are against fellow citizens, the wildlife and the environment. To effectively combat crime citizens will need to spend time on planning how to protect people, property, wildlife and the environment.

Observations

It is important for individuals to be aware of the activities within their communities. By becoming familiar with neighbors and their activities it will be easier to spot suspicious activities. The key to combating crime is by looking, listening and then reporting suspicious activities to the proper authorities, along with the pertinent information, in a timely fashion.

Examples of Suspicious Activities

- Shots fired when hunting season is not in
- Lights shining from automobiles beyond the roadway
- Automobiles stopping, then turning with headlights pointed off the roadway, then going on in original direction of travel
- Individuals carrying sacks/bags of grain, apples, blocks of salt, etc., for non-agricultural purposes - possible baiting
- Large caliber weapons fired at night
- Fishermen giving away fish and continuing to fish
- Fishermen placing caught fish in different locations
- Fishermen placing fish in unusual places, i.e., inside waders
- Individuals walking in fields and/or woods at night with lights and appear to be searching for something
- Streams which suddenly appear muddy and there has not been any rain
- Individuals being dropped off from automobiles
- Slow moving automobiles
- Automobiles making repeated trips or parking and no one exits
- Automobiles parked for long periods of time
- Individuals walking around a residence, looking into windows or trying to force open doors
- Individuals carrying any kind of weapon
- Solicitors asking unusual questions, appearing uncertain of questions or the purpose for their questions
- Unusual noises for the time of day
- Telephone callers asking for credit card or bank account numbers
- Individuals carrying property out of residence or business at unusual times
- Individuals carrying or dragging animals at unusual times (out of season/at night)
- Individual running from a residence, building or field

Reporting Suspicious Persons

- Number of people
- Sex of those involved
- Race
- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Hair color/length
- Eye color/wearing glasses
- Tattoos/scars
- Describe Clothing
- Weapon(s)
- Vehicle:
 - Make
 - Model
 - Color
 - License Plate Number
- Direction of travel when last observed

Possible Drug Activities

- Unusual or chemical odors coming from a residence
- Groups of people hanging out around residence or nearby
- Vacant or occupied house with unusually high amount of traffic to and from, especially late at night
- Double-parked cars in front of house
- Individuals carrying valuables into a house or building and leaving without them
- Appearance of money changing hands

Working Together

This is a must for the program to be effective. Neighbors need to look out for neighbors. Watch out for each other's homes and property while at work or away on vacation. Help maintain a lived-in appearance while someone is gone by picking up newspapers, mail, mowing the lawn, putting out trashcans on appropriate days, and parking in their driveway. Look in on the sick and elderly on a regular basis.

Individual Efforts

Each person should practice proactive crime prevention techniques to increase the security of their own homes and property and to cut down on easy targets for criminals.

Attend meetings on a regular basis and work with other members to accomplish the goals and initiatives set by the Watch program. By attending meetings individuals will benefit

from the training provided and have the opportunity to learn more about their neighbors and the wildlife in their area.

Each person should make an effort to recruit new members. The more people participating the more control the Watch can exercise over crime in their area.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Assisting communities in solving their problems is essential to the success of the Watch program. Law enforcement officers by themselves can not solve the problems of a community. It takes working together with other agencies, support groups, civic groups and citizens to be able to address these problems.

Steps to Use

Identify the concerns of the members. Identify what the law enforcement officer/Game Department sees as concerns. Prioritize these issues and act upon the most critical first. It is important for the members and the community to see that their concerns are going to be listened to and addressed.

Determine the underlying cause of the problems that have been identified. Any problem is not going to be adequately resolved without identifying and dealing with the underlying reason the problem exists. This will take focus, and placing blame on anyone person should be avoided.

Identify what agency, support group, organization, or person may be best qualified to assist with resolving the identified problems. Among those who are available are law enforcement agencies, public agencies, local government, nonprofit organizations, religious groups, civic groups, private companies, and other residents.

Develop strategies from all the resources that are available. Gather as many facts as possible and form a strategy that is as simple and clear as possible.

Act upon the strategy and then evaluate the actions taken. Learn from what worked and what did not work. Utilize this information for future projects. Celebrate the successes, learn from the not so successful ones and move on to the next issue or goal.

Proactive Efforts for Wildlife Related Issues

Spotlighting screens can be utilized to form a barrier between the roadway and the area to be spotlighted. This can be accomplished by allowing the natural vegetation to grow along the road frontage or by plantings. White pine or Norway spruce on a 12' x 12' spacing can be used. These may become a hazard once fully grown and lose effectiveness. When this occurs they can be cut and replant or two replacement rows years prior to removing the older screening. VA-70 lespedeza is a good shrub where trees are impracticable. They establish themselves quickly and form a tight crown. Autumn olives can be used but are not recommended in an agricultural setting. They can be utilized in a setting where they can be mowed to keep from spreading. A man made screen of mesh material attached to 8' high fencing has proven effective in some areas. (Source John Baker, Wildlife Biologist Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries)

The feeding of wildlife at a concentrated site increases predation and encourages transmission of disease/parasites. Behavior changes from this practice for many species can reduce their ability to survive by association humans/food. Bear is the best example of damage problems resulting from this behavior modification. Others like deer and turkey can get complacent about escaping to cover. Nutrition can be negatively effected by reliance to a particular food source, which in most cases does not fulfill all dietary needs. (Source John Baker, Wildlife Biologist Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries)

Gating roads is a great year-round or seasonal deterrent to poaching. This eliminates some access points. (Source John Baker, Wildlife Biologist Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries)

Control free running dogs and cats as they can and do kill wildlife indiscriminately.

Developing Understanding between Landowners and Outdoor Recreationalists

Often landowners are not aware of the difficulties encountered by individuals looking for a location to enjoy their particular activity and these individuals do not understand the difficulties that a landowner has to deal with. Many times someone will ask for permission and then they are never seen by the landowner again. If people would take the time to get to know one another and understand each persons concerns then many problems could be alleviated. Hunters, fishermen and trappers can provide assistance to a landowner by helping them control wildlife populations on their property and can provide financial assistance in the area. This financial assistance comes in the form of spending money for meals, lodging, and equipment. Landowners can utilize these individuals to help keep up with the property by getting them to help put up posted signs, repair fencing, put up hay or even assist in picking up the litter along the roadway.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Every member plays a vital role in any Watch. Effective leadership is essential in keeping a Watch running smoothly and in keeping members mobilized and motivated. Some of the positions, which may need to be filled, are as follows:

- Watch Captain - organizes and oversee the overall operation; works on keeping the group focused on goals and recruiting new members.
- Coordinator - in areas which are large and require several Captains; coordinates the efforts of the Captains and is the liaison with the Game Department officials.
- Treasurer - a group may want to utilize a treasurer to make additional purchases of crime prevention materials and to put on community events. This person would track all incoming resources and expenditures.
- Secretary - takes notes during the meetings and maintains records of what steps need to be taken toward the goals set by the Watch, and keep track of who is responsible for what tasks.

PHONE TREES

A Phone Tree is a network set up that allows members to pass along information to law enforcement and to each other in a timely fashion. Information about suspicious activity to up and coming meetings or events can be passed on to each member listed on the Phone Tree. This information should be obtained at the meetings.

Using a Phone Tree to Report Suspicious Activity

Call the appropriate number whether 911, or the Virginia Wildlife Crime Line 1-800-237-5712 and identify yourself as a member of a Wildlife Crime Watch. Give the dispatcher the identification number or name of your Watch. Describe the suspicious activity as briefly but as accurately as possible; be sure to stay on the line until the dispatcher advises you they have all the information they need. If the crime is in progress ask the dispatcher when you can expect an officer to respond.

Make sure to advise the dispatcher if the activity or crime is still in progress. Describe the offender(s) by sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing and any distinctive characteristics. If an automobile is involved, describe it by color, make, model, year, license plate number, special markings, dents or other distinguishing characteristics, and the direction of travel when you last observed it.

After contacting the dispatcher, contact the Watch captain and give them the same information. The captain will activate the Phone Tree and thus get further information on the suspects. If the captain is not available the individual can activate the Phone Tree.

THE ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN WILDLIFE CRIME WATCH

Law enforcement officers can be the catalyst to lead a community from one of isolated individuals to one that is united into a team working toward the improvement of their community for themselves and for wildlife.

Game wardens acting as liaison officers have an essential role in the creation and development of Wildlife Crime Watch programs. These liaison officers will serve as the communication link between the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, other agencies and the citizens. Officers will assist citizens within these Watches to solve problems and to prevent crimes.

To accomplish the mission of WCW the liaison officer will help educate and train residents in crime prevention. The main emphasis will be toward wildlife and environmental issues but traditional crime prevention will also be important. By addressing all areas of concerns for the citizens we will be able to interest more people and have the opportunity to present our areas of concern to a larger cross section of the community. This will promote closer ties and increased communications between individual officers, other Game Department personnel, other governmental agencies, civic groups, sportsman groups and the public. We will be able to take a proactive approach to issues related to the mission of the Game Department. Some of the topics of training are listed below:

- The purpose of Wildlife Crime Watch;
- Organizational aspects, such as leadership positions, procedures and Phone Trees;
- How to be observant for suspicious wildlife related activities;
- Personal safety, home security and observation and reporting;
- Utilize Department Biologist, Wildlife, Fish, Non-Game for programs related to wildlife and habitat improvement/protection;
- Boating Safety;
- Programs from DEQ;
- Crime prevention updates, topics and tips.

The liaison officer will need to practice problem solving to identify and resolve neighborhood problems. It will be important to listen to the problems of the people and work toward solving them. This may be accomplished through making contacts with appropriate agencies or support groups, which can resolve the problem. Through this program the interests of the Game Department can be presented to a broader base of people. The dissemination of accurate information will lead to better understanding and cooperation and can help eliminate rumors.

The liaison officer will guide members as they set up the WCW and design approaches for meeting goals and strategies for solving concerns. During the meetings the liaison

officer helps keep the members focused on specific ways to accomplish their goals. He also encourages each member to use their skills and talents to achieve set goals.

It will be up to the liaison officer to provide leadership to the neighborhood captains and stress problem solving and leadership skills as they manage WCW. They will act as advisors, providing both technical expertise and their own experiences in the field to encourage active participation from the members. The objective is to help the members reach the point where they are able to function on their own, as an effective team.

Liaison officers will benefit from learning more about the communities in which they work and are encouraged to attend law enforcement crime prevention association meetings and training.

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SPONSORS

Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

Virginia State Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation

Virginia Deer Hunters Association

Virginia Sportsman's Reward Fund, Inc.

VIRGINIA SPORTSMAN REWARD FUND, INC.

Rewards are based on violations being reported, violations detected, and arrests made as a result of tips being received by the **Virginia Crime Line**. Tips can be made by phone at 1-800-237-5712 or email at wildcrime@dgif.state.va.us.

All rewards made are approved through discretion of the Virginia Sportsman Reward Fund, Inc., Board of Directors.

RESOURCES

Below are listed resources from which crime prevention brochures, posters, displays and media material may be obtained.

AETNA LIFE AND CASUALTY

151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

(800) 872-3862 (General Information Line)

- "Don't Be a Target of Violent Crime" (800) 238-6263
- "Safe at Home" (860) 273-0955
- "In School Mediation" (800) 238-6242
- "Right Turn, Wrong Turn" (860) 273-6465
- "Fifty Ways To Foil A Car Thief"; "Plain Facts About Stolen Cars"; "Stop Thief" (800) 906-7233

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY

3100 Sanders Road
Northbrook, IL 60062

(708) 402-5000

Brochures:

- Allstate Renter's Inventory Record
- Car Theft: How to Avoid Becoming a Victim
- Confessions of a Professional Car Thief
- Home Burglary: How Inviting is Your Home?
- A Mobilehome Owner's Inventory Record
- Safe at Home: Lifesaving Facts About Home Fire Safety
- Your Allstate Household Inventory Record

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Public Affairs Staff

1405 I Street, NW

Washington, DC 20537

(313) 234-4310

*Contact your local DEA office for details

- Pamphlets and manuals
- Publications: "For Coaches Only" and "Team Up For Drug Prevention With America's Young Athletes"
- Training Programs

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DRUG INFORMATION 7 STRATEGY
CLEARINGHOUSE

P.O. Box 6424

Rockville, MD 20850

(800) 578-3472

(301) 251-5767 (FAX)

- Information on drug free programs and activities for public housing units

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH

7 Wynnewood Road, Suite 215

P.O. Box 303

Wynnewood, PA 19096

(610) 649-7055

(610) 649-5456 (FAX)

- Membership organization; publishes newsletter and sponsor of the "National Night Out" against crime program.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCY

12 W. Twenty-first Street

New York, NY 10010

(212) 206-6770

(212) 645-1690 (Fax)

- Programs on prevention, education, public information, public requests for printed materials

NATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFERENCE SERVICE

Box 6000

Rockville, MD 20850

(800) 851-3420

- Serves as the clearinghouse of information for the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, Statistics and the National Institute of Justice.
- Call or write for a listing of information and materials

NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (MCGRUFF)

1700 K Street, NW, Second Floor

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 466-6272

(202) 296-1356

- Literature and resources on crime prevention; Samples available (Some materials have a nominal cost, others are free). Call for a catalogue.
- Free newsletter *Catalyst*. Call to be placed on their mailing list.
- McGruff promotional materials (Costs are associated with these). Call for a catalogue.

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

3050 Central Avenue

Toledo, OH 43606

(419) 535-3232

(419) 535-1989 (FAX)

Annual sponsor of National Crime Prevention Week occurring in the month of October during the National Crime Prevention Month which is sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Coalition.

Information Kits:

- Community Counter Crime Conference
- Operation Identification Kit
- Junior Police Kit
- Brochure: Personal Crime Prevention Action File
- Neighborhood Watch packet envelopes
- Operation Identification packet envelopes
- Operation Identification citizen information

Stickers:

- "Say No To Drugs" bumper stickers
- Neighborhood Watch window stickers
- Neighborhood Watch phone stickers
- Operation Identification property warning decals
- Operation Identification window decals

Other:

- "Say No To Drugs" color poster
- "Say No To Drugs" table tent card
- Operation Identification inventory forms
- Child fingerprinting/ID forms

NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

1450 Duke Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 836-7827

(703) 683-6541 (FAX)

- Materials and Technical Assistance on Neighborhood Watch programs
- Victim Services and Neighborhood Watch Program Manual
- Triad Program Manual and Videotape

THE VIRGINIA CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

4914 Radford Avenue, Suite 306,

Richmond, Virginia 23230

(804) 359-8120

(804) 359-1705 (FAX)

email: vaprevent@aol.com

Program Services – VCPA philosophy dictates assistance be rendered to members and non-members alike.

Training a wide range of training services are provided

Courses include:

- Basic Crime Prevention
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Volunteer Resident Patrols for Public Housing
- Crime Control Planning
- Crime Analysis
- Physical Security
- Personal Safety
- Safe Schools
- Workplace Safety
- Business Security
- Managing Crime Prevention

Resource Materials Available:

Brochures:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Home Security
- Sexual Assault Prevention
- Business Security
- Talking With Your Kids About Drugs
- At Home Alone – A Parent's Guide
- Cybersafety for Kids

Program Guides:

- Neighborhood Watch Program guide
- Crime Prevention Planning
- Crime Prevention Standards for Law Enforcement
- Volunteer Resident Patrols in Public Housing
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VIRGINIA STATE CHAPTER NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION
www.vanwtf.com

WINDSTAR WILDLIFE INSTITUTE (Non-profit conservation organization)
www.windstar.org

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Neighborhood Watch, Glendale Police Department, Glendale AZ

Neighborhood Watch by Neighbors Who Care, A Guide for Coordinators and Members, Bristol Virginia Police Department, Bristol, VA



WILDLIFE CRIME WATCH BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME OF GROUP:

This group shall be known as: _____
Wildlife Crime Watch. The boundaries for this Watch will be: _____

ARTICLE II: GOALS:

This Wildlife Crime Watch will be a non-partisan, neighborhood and community-focused group, committed to building safer, more caring neighborhoods and improving the quality of life in the community. Specific Wildlife Crime Watch goals are: _____

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in this group will consist of responsible individuals within the defined Wildlife Crime Watch area, who are willing to perform Watch duties without expecting monetary compensation for their participation.

ARTICLE IV: WATCH OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICE:

- A. An area Captain, elected by the members of the Watch will govern the Wildlife Crime Watch. The Area Captain will run meetings, and coordinate information and activities with the local game warden.
- B. The Secretary, elected by the members of the Watch, will take notes of meetings and keep record of what actions need to be taken on proposed goals, and who will perform them.
- C. The Treasurer, elected by the members of the Watch, will keep an accurate account of the group's resources, financial and otherwise.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS:

Wildlife Crime Watch meetings will be held once a month, on the _____ of each month. *This is subject to change depending upon the wants and wishes of the Watch members.*

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS:

The bylaws of the group may be adopted, amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.



Dear Neighbor;

Neighbors in our area are meeting to discuss forming a Wildlife Crime Watch. This means neighbors watching out for the safety of wildlife, themselves, and each other to make the neighborhood a safer place to live. Wildlife Crime Watches are designed to let neighbors get to know each other better, and help to reduce the chance of wildlife crime and criminal activity in their neighborhoods and communities.

A local State Game Warden helps train us in wildlife awareness, personal safety, and home security, as well as ways to join together and use our time and talents to tackle problems we think can be resolved when we work together.

Wildlife Crime Watches cost only the time it takes for us to care about our wildlife and neighbors. Please come to the meeting and help discover ways to improve the quality of wildlife and human life in our neighborhood...

Wildlife Crime Watch Meeting: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Place: _____

For More Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

WILDLIFE CRIME WATCH PHONE TREE

The following numbers should be called in the order they appear on the list. If you cannot reach the member following your name, then call the next number on the list. The last number called should be the member who activated the tree.

CAPTAIN: _____ ADDRESS: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

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DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

WILDLIFE CRIME WATCH SIGN IN SHEET

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CRIME WATCH AREA:_____ **DATE:**_____
AREA CAPTAIN:_____ **MEETING NO:**_____

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WILDLIFE CRIME WATCH

SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Please write down on the following lines any questions or suggestions that you may have that you would rather not ask out loud in front of the group.

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